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TO: Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives

Attn: Dick Giza

Attached is the response to the
question from Congressman Fowler.

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Response To Questions from HPSCI

1. Cuban Presence in Nicaragua

We estimate that there are 7,500 to 9,500 Cubans in Nicaragua, including 2,500 to 3,500 military and security advisers. [REDACTED]

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There are no known Cuban combat units in Nicaragua. Cuban military personnel probably are integrated into Nicaraguan units at the company level and higher. They serve primarily as advisers and provide technical assistance in some areas. [REDACTED]

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Nevertheless, there has been a shift in the type of civilian advisers serving in Nicaragua since early this year. According to press reports [REDACTED] Cuban dependents, many women, and older civilians have been evacuated. They apparently have been replaced by young men with some type of military training or who are members of the reserves or militia. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] since mid-February all Cuban civilians in Nicaragua, regardless of age or sex, have to attend military training sessions every other Sunday. Those who fail to attend or to pass the required training are returned to [REDACTED]

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Although the fighting skills of most Cuban civilian advisers would not be high, they probably have access to weapons. We believe that, in the event of an emergency, they could carry out military or paramilitary duties. [REDACTED]

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Cubans in Nicaragua: May 1984

Working Figures

<u>Military and security personnel</u>			
General Staff	600	-	900
(including 120-man VIP security company)			
High command reserve	120	-	210
Military zones	15	-	30
Military regions	70	-	105
Operating brigades (15)	70	-	140
Active battalions (70-80)	700	-	900
Inactive battalions (50)	50	-	100
Air Force and air defense	100	-	200
Navy	40	-	60
Ministry of Interior and special troops	700	-	900
<u>Total Cuban Military</u>	<u>2,465</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,545</u>
<u>Estimate of Cuban Military</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,500</u>
<u>Civilian personnel</u>			
Teachers		1,500	
Construction workers		2,000	
Medical personnel		766	
Governmental advisers	1,000	-	1,500
<u>Total of Cuban Civilians</u>	<u>5,266</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,766</u>
<u>Estimate of Cuban Civilians</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<u>Total of All Cubans</u>	<u>7,731</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,311</u>
<u>Estimate of All Cubans</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,500</u>

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2. Composition of the Nicaraguan Armed Forces

Nicaragua's military establishment continues to grow and become more complex.

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A recent Intelligence Community estimate concluded that they also have called up more reservists and militiamen, raising Nicaragua's active duty force to some 70 to 80 battalions. This is about 30 more battalions--some 10,000 more personnel--than were active in 1983. As shown by the attached table, we believe that Nicaraguan active duty forces now range between 44,000 to 53,000. Including unmobilized reserves and other militia forces, the manpower resource pool available to Managua is currently some 100,000 personnel.

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Nicaragua**Active Duty Personnel**

Ground Forces	
(Army and Ministry of Interior)	19,500 - 20,000
Reserves	12,000 - 16,000
Militia	5,000 - 10,000
Air and air defense forces	1,750
Navy	500
Police	5,000
Total	<u>43,750 - 53,250</u>

Others

Unmobilized Reserves (armed)	10,000 - 12,000
Organized Militia (unarmed)	9,000 - 11,000
Other Militia	30,000 - 40,000
Total	<u>49,000 - 63,000</u>

Totals92,750 - 113,250